

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph 9 as follows:

[0009] MAC permits a subject to write up information and to read down information. In a read operation, the subject's sensitivity label must dominate the object's sensitivity label. ~~Thus~~ This ensures that the subject's level of trust meets the requirements for access to the object and the subject's sensitivity label includes all compartment groupings that are allowed access to the object. In a write operation, the resulting object's sensitivity label must dominate the subject's sensitivity label. This prevents the subject from lowering the object's sensitivity label.